

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1942
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2000
DAMAGES OF DADAR RATNAGIRI EXPRESS
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of damages caused to the Dadar-Ratnagiri train of Konkan Railway by passengers on October 31, 2000;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the value of government property damaged therein; and
- (c) the efforts being made by the Government to check the reoccurrence of such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The engine of Matsyagandha Express train failed in mid section. Accordingly, the Dadar-Ratnagiri passenger train had to be stopped at Veer station till the clearance of track ahead. This delayed the running of the train. Some of the passengers indulged in vandalism at Veer. The passengers again indulged in vandalism at Karanjdi station where the train had to be stopped for about 20 minutes because of brake binding problem. Estimated damage to the Konkan Railway property is Rs. 1.15 lakhs.

(c) Co-ordination with the local police has been stepped up for taking swift action against passengers indulging in vandalism of Railway property.